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(SBU) Post provides the following responses, keyed to questions in paragraph 5 of reftel:

- --1) Finland-based multinationals such as Wartsila and Nokia have investments and sell products and services in Cuba. However, we have no information to suggest that these businesses have trafficked or that they have any intention to traffic in confiscated Cuban properties.
- --2) Finland has no significant bilateral trade agreements with Cuba.
- --3) There are no significant government-funded student exchanges between Cuba and Finland and no Cuban-paid medical travel for Finnish nationals that post is aware of. If any Cuban medical personnel work in Finland, they are here as a result of economic or family-based immigration, not/not as part of a Cuban or Finnish Government-sponsored program.
- --4) Finland has no Embassy in Cuba, no bilateral aid projects, and very little contact with Cuban officials. It has worked to promote democracy in Cuba by supporting common EU positions.
- $\ensuremath{\text{--5}}\xspace$) There have been no high-level visits in the past six months. WARE